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REPORT

COUNTRY " Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Sengenthal Airfield

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE PREPARED 11 October 1951

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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2. The airfield was observed between 7:30 and 11 p.m. on 20 September. The sky was partly cloudy and visibility was good. At 7:30 p.m., there was flying by twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies which circled over the field in groups of two. Just before the landings, the landing strip was illuminated by spotlights located in the northeastern corner of the field and the runway was marked by some dim boundary lights. Immediately after the landings, all the lights were switched off, and the aircraft taxied back to the take-off point in complete darkness. No airfield boundary or obstacle lights were observed except for a red lamp fitted on the flight control building. The aircraft had position lights which were red at the left side, green at the right side and white in the rear and under the wings about in line with the engines. No aircraft searchlights were observed in operation. During flying activity, the three searchlights, located in Stanken, possibly in Oranienburg and west of Oranienburg, were in operation. The first two searchlights were rotating clockwise and the third one was rotating counter-clockwise. After series of ten rotations their lights were screened.

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3. On 15 September, a group of **Russian** women arrived at the field. The German waitresses previously employed with the AAA battalion at the field had already been replaced by uniformed **Russian** women. An officer said that all the **Russian** women would be issued uniforms.

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4. The newly arrived unit at the field practiced flying with twin-engine aircraft from 7:30 a.m. to noon and from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. every day and night during the period from 17 to 22 September. Security measures at the field were increased. The troops were not issued passes. Units were said to be transferred to Leipzig or Dresden with their aircraft. *

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* Comment. According to various sources, the airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with IL-10s and an air reconnaissance regiment equipped with PE-2s. The unconfirmed information on the arrival of a new air unit equipped with twin-engine aircraft is believed improbable. The information on a scheduled transfer of the ground attack regiment 
 has been confirmed by another source.

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